

**TO:** MEMBERS OF THE MAINE WATER WELL COMMISSION

**FROM:** Donald Wiswell, CHAIRMAN

**DATE:** July 22, 2003

**SUBJECT:** MEETING Tuesday, July 16, 2003

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The next commission meeting will be held on **Wednesday, August 27, 2003** at the Maine Motor Transport, Whitten Road, Augusta. The phone number is 623-4128.

THE AUGUST MEETING WILL START AT 9:00 AM

1. Approve minutes of June 3, 2003 meeting.
2. Discuss pending matters, complaints, responses, application, etc.
3. New Business.
4. Public Comments.

## **MAINE WATER WELL DRILLING COMMISSION**

Minutes of July 16, 2003 Meeting

### **Members Present:**

Don Wiswell (Chairman)  
Ed Bowie  
Glenn Dyer  
David Braley  
Rodney Pratt  
Chris Olson

### **Others Present:**

Ike Goodwin  
Dean Getchell  
Paul Gauvreau  
Daniel Pileggi  
Karl Rudnicki  
Debbie Dyer  
Carol Champagne  
Gerry Hill  
Pat Hill

### **Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM.

### **Approval of June 3, 2002 meeting minutes:**

Rodney Pratt made a motion to accept the minutes of June 3, 2003 minutes and Glenn Dyer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted unanimously.

### **Update on Complaints:**

Eugene Bass vs Gerry Hill Well Drilling The complaint is that unlicensed drillers were used by Gerry Hill Well Drilling and left unsupervised on drilling and pump installation jobs. The Commission found insufficient evidence to demonstrate that unlicensed drillers were left unsupervised on drilling or pump installation jobs. Using a combination of verbal and written testimony and documents provided by the complainant and Gerry Hill Well Drilling the Commission found Gerry Hill Well Drilling had employed unlicensed well drillers in violation of the Rules. The Commission also found that Gerry Hill Well Drilling had misinterpreted the Rules and thought they were in compliance. No penalty will be assessed, except for a letter of warning to be kept in the file. Ed Bowie made the motion and Rodney Pratt 2<sup>nd</sup> it and the Commission accepted it. Closed

The Commission further found that an effort is needed to address this issue with all drillers, a time frame for getting all employees licensed with

the Commission may be required, and in the future penalties may result from using unlicensed drillers or pump installers.

Alita Green vs Fleming Well Drilling The complaint is cloudy water that keeps reoccurring. Dean Getchell inspected this well and reported his findings to the Commission. The Commission found the well was not properly constructed as only one seal was installed, which was leaking, and water was bypassing the seal at the top of the pipe. Mr. Fleming must replace this seal with new top and bottom seals. Dean Getchell will be present while the repairs are being done. Motion passed

Stephen Wright vs P.L. Jones P.L. Jones has notified the Commission that ownership changes eliminated wells drilled prior to these changes from their responsibility. It appears that the new company is not responsible for this well. David will check on who drilled the well.

Shawn Benoit vs Gerry Hill Well Drilling A copy of the water test, from the lab, was given to Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill may appeal and requested another water test done by Dean. Test "B". No test taken yet. The original finding of violation stands but remedial action is suspended pending these water tests.

David Silver vs Robert Bell Driller The 30 days allowed still stand. A motion was made by Ed Bowie, 33 days from date of letter if the well has not been completed the license will be suspended. Effected immediately. Glenn Dyer 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Passed

Gene Knight vs Estey Water Wells Problem is Coliform and Ecoli after chlorination, with bad odor and colored water. The Commission earlier determined that the well had been properly constructed as required by the Rules. Mr. Knight requested that the Commission reconsider the action. Glenn made a motion to deny the reconsideration and Rodney 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Motion passed. Original decision stays. David will send a reminder letter to Gene Knight.

Gregory Beane vs Carmel Well Drilling - The complaint is the well was drilled 35' from the septic tank. More information is needed.

Rick Curtis vs Fleming Well Drilling - The complaint is the trench that contained the piping was not sufficiently covered and the pipes froze. Rodney Pratt made a motion, Ed Bowie 2<sup>nd</sup> it, and the Commission found no violation of the Rules. Passed

### **New Complaints**

Cheryl Cook vs Road Runner Unlicensed driller. David will send a letter by the Sheriff ASAP.

Greg & Laura Paquet vs Philbrick's Well Drilling The complaint is the well was drilled in the path of a culvert at a 40' depth backed off the 36' and gravel packed. There is also an air problem in the system. The Complaint letter was sent to Philbrick's Well Drilling on July 17, 2003.

Hoyt & Cheryl Fairbrother vs Burnett Well Drilling The complaint is the well continues to have E-Coli after disinfecting. Complaint letter was sent to Burnett Well Drilling on July 10, 2003. David Braley made a motion to send Dean Getchell out to check and Ed Bowie 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Passed

Gary & Sue Campbell vs John S Gilbert Well Drilling Inc. The complaint is discoloration. Lab test showed E-Coli and coliform. The complaint letter was sent to John S Gilbert Well Drilling on July 17, 2003. The Commission also voted to send Dean Getchell out to inspect the well.

### **Speciality Wells**

Donna Sutura - Wells Unlimited Approved with 120 'of casing or Jaswell type seals.

Oakley Brann - Pine State Well Drilling - After inspection, Barry Sanford will drill new well with proper set backs.

Chris Bosco - Hansen's Well Drilling - Approved with 120' of casing or Jaswell type seals.

Dick Cousens - Fleming Well Drilling - Approved with 120' of casing or Jaswell type seals.

Raymond Heath - Fleming Well Drilling - Approved with 100' of casing or Jaswell type seals.

Stanley Woolford - Goodwin Well & Water Inc. - Approved with 70' of casing or Jaswell type seals.

### **Examinations Requested**

Jason L Wentworth, East Waterboro, Yankee Water Systems, Journeyman Well Driller. OK

April Libby, East Waterboro, Yankee Water Systems, Journeyman Pump Installer. OK

### **Examination Passed**

Garrett DeBeck, Carmel ME, Burnett Well Drilling Inc. passed the Pump Installers Exam on 8/1/03.

### **Other Business**

None

**Meeting adjourned** Chris Olson made a motion the adjourn the meeting and Marc 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Adjourned at 2:20 pm.

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